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By the KING,
A PROCLAMATION.

GEORGE R.

WHEREAS We have taken into Our Conſideration, the great Benefit which will ariſe to the Commerce of Our Kingdoms and the Intereſts of Our Subjects, from the ſpeedy Settlement of Our Iſlands of Grenada, the Grenadines, Dominica, St. Vincent, and Tobago. We do therefore think fit, with the Advice of Our Privy Council, to iſſue this Our Royal Proclamation to publiſh and declare to Our loving Subjects, that We have, with the Advice of Our ſaid Privy Council, given the neceſſary Powers and Directions for an immediate Survey and Diviſion into proper Pariſhes and Diſtricts, of ſuch of the ſaid Iſlands as have not hitherto been ſo ſurveyed and divided, and for laying out ſuch Lands in the ſaid Iſlands, as are in Our Power to diſpoſe of, into Allotments for Plantations of different Size and Extent, according as the Nature of the Land ſhall be more or leſs adapted to the Growth of Sugar, Coffee, Cocoa, Cotton, or other Articles of beneficial Culture, reſerving to Us, Our Heirs, and Succeſſors, ſuch Parts of the ſaid Iſlands as ſhall be neceſſary for erecting Fortifications thereon, and for all other military Purpoſes, for Glebes for Miniſters. Allotments for Schoolmaſters, for Woodlands, High Roads, and all other publick Purpoſes; and alſo reſerving ſuch Lands in Our Iſlands of Dominica and St. Vincent, as, at the Time of the Surrender of thoſe Iſlands, were and ſtill are in the Poſſeſſion of the French Inhabitants of thoſe Iſlands, which Lands, it is Our Will and Pleaſure ſhould be granted to ſuch of the ſaid Inhabitants as ſhall be inclined to accept the ſame, upon Leaſes for Terms abſolute, or for renewable Terms, upon certain Conditions and under proper Reſtrictions. And We do hereby further publiſh and declare, that the Allotments for Plantations in Our Iſlands of Grenada, the Grenadines, Tobago, and St. Vincent, ſhall contain to Three Hundred Acres, with ſome few Allotments in each Iſland of Five Hundred Acres; and that the Allotments in Our Iſland of Dominica, which is repreſented to be not ſo well adapted to the Cultivation of Sugar, and which from its Situation requires in Policy to be well peopled with White Inhabitants, ſhall be in general from Fifty to One Hundred Acres.

And whereas We have thought fit to declare to Our Parliament at the Opening of the preſent Seſſion, Our Gracious Intention of reſerving for the publick Uſe, whatever Sums ſhall be produced by the Sale of any of the Lands belonging to Us in the Iſlands of the Weſt Indies, which were ceded to Us by the late Treaty; We do further publiſh and declare, that when theſe Allotments, or a ſufficient Part of them, ſhall have been laid out, the ſame ſhall be ſet up to Sale by Auction, at a Price per Acre, to be fixed thereon by Commiſſioners appointed for that Purpoſe, under Our Great Seal of Great Britain, who ſhall give publick Notice of the Time and Place of ſuch Sale.

And We do hereby further publiſh and declare, that the Lands ſo ſet up to Sale by Auction, ſhall not be ſold, but upon the following Terms, and under the following Conditions and Reſervations, that is to ſay,

That each Purchaſer ſhall immediately pay into the Hands of ſuch Perſon as We ſhall appoint to receive the ſame, Twenty per Cent. of the whole Purchaſe-Money.

That the Remainder of the Purchaſe-Money ſhall be paid by different Inſtallments, viz. Ten per Cent. within the Firſt Year after the Purchaſe, Ten per Cent. more within the Second Year after ſuch Purchaſe, and Twenty per Cent within every ſucceſſive Year, until the Whole is paid.

That each Purchaſer of Lands which have been cleared and improved, ſhall, within the Space of Three Months from the Date of the Grant, ſettle and conſtantly keep upon the Lot purchaſed, One White Man or Two White Women for every Hundred Acres contained in the ſaid Lot; and, in Default thereof, ſhall be ſubject to the Payment of Twenty Pounds per Annum for every White Woman, and Forty Pounds for every White Man, that ſhall be wanting to compleat the Number.

That the Purchaſer of uncleared Lands ſhall clear and cultivate One Acre in every Twenty in each Year, until Half the Land ſo purchaſed ſhall be cleared; and, in Default thereof, ſhall pay Five Pounds per Annum for every Acre not cleared, purſuant to ſuch Condition; and ſuch Purchaſer ſhall alſo be obliged to ſettle and conſtantly keep upon the Lot ſo purchaſed, One White Man or Two White Women for every Hundred Acres, as the ſame ſhall be cleared.

That each Purchaſer ſhall, beſides the Purchaſe-Money, be ſubject to the Payment of an Annual Quit-Rent to Us, Our Heirs, and Succeſſors, of Six-pence per Acre, under the Penalty of Five Pounds per Acre upon Non-payment thereof; ſuch Quit-Rents, in the Caſe of the Purchaſe of cleared Lands, to commence from the Date of the Grant; and the firſt Payment to be made at the Expiration of the Firſt Year; and in Caſe of the Purchaſe of the uncleared Lands, ſuch Quit Rents to commence at the Expiration of Twelve Months from the Time each Acre is cleared.

That in Caſe of Failure in the Payment of the Purchaſe-Money in the Manner above directed, the Purchaſer ſhall forfeit all Right to the Lands purchaſed.

That no Perſon ſhall purchaſe at any publick Sale more than Five Hundred Acres of cleared or uncleared Lands, in the Iſlands of Grenada, and the Grenadines, Tobago, and St. Vincent's, and in the Iſland of Dominica the Quantity ſhall be reſtrained to Three Hundred Acres; and in Order to enforce this neceſſary and eſſential Regulation, that a Condition ſhall be inſerted in every Grant, to be made in Conſequence of

of ſuch Purchaſe, that in Caſe any Purchaſe ſhall be made contrary thereto, ſo that the Property of the Purchaſer in the Iſlands where the Lands lie, ſhall thereby amount to more than the above Quantity reſpectively, the ſame ſhall be void, the Money paid thereon forfeited, and the conſequential Grant of no Effect.

That all and every Purchaſer of Lands, upon the foregoing Terms and Conditions, ſhall immediately, upon the Payment of the firſt Twenty per Cent. of the Purchaſe-Money, receive a Bill of Sale, ſigned by the ſaid Commiſſioners, which ſhall entitle ſuch Purchaſers to a Grant of the ſaid Lands, under the Seal of the Iſlands, containing the aforementioned Conditions and Reſervations: Which ſaid Purchaſe, and Grant in Conſequence thereof, duly regiſtered in the proper Offices, ſhall be good and valid in Law againſt Us, Our Heirs and Succeſſors, unleſs the ſame ſhall be revoked: And We do hereby declare the ſame revocable by Our Commiſſioners of Our Treaſury, or Our High Treaſurer for the Time being, within Twelve Months from the Date thereof; in which Caſe ſuch Purchaſe and Grant ſhall become void and of no Effect; and upon Notice of ſuch Revocation, the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall return to ſuch Purchaſer the Money paid upon the Purchaſe, with legal Intereſt thereon, and reaſonable Allowance for any Improvements made on the ſaid Lands.

And whereas the Eſtabliſhing Towns in proper Situations, within the ſaid Iſlands, will conduce greatly to the Convenience of the Inhabitants, and the Benefit of Trade and Commerce; We have therefore thought fit, with the Advice of Our Privy Council, to direct a proper Diſtrict in every Pariſh in each Iſland, to be laid out for that Purpoſe, into Lots for Tenements of different Size and Extent; and each Town-Lot to have a proportionate Allotment of Land contiguous to ſuch Town, for a ſmall Field or Paſture, allowing one Acre for every ten Foot in Front of the Town-Lot to which it is to be annexed; but no Field-Lot to exceed the Quantity of Six Acres.

And We do hereby further publiſh and declare, that ſuch of theſe Town and Paſture-Lots, in each Iſland, as conſiſt of Lands, which have been already cleared and improved, ſhall be ſet up to Sale by publick Auction, at a Price per Foot in Front of each Town-Lot, and a Price per Acre of the Field-Lot, to be fixed upon ſuch Lot, by the ſaid Commiſſioners, in like Manner as upon the Allotments for Plantations.

And We do further publiſh and declare, that the Lots, ſo ſet up to Sale by Auction, ſhall not be ſold but upon the following Terms and Conditions; that is to ſay,

That the Purchaſe-Money ſhall be paid in the ſame Proportion, by the like Inſtallments and upon the ſame Conditions as are required in the Caſe of the Purchaſe of Allotments for Plantations.

That each Tenement ſhall be charged with the Payment of an Annual Ground-Rent to Us, Our Heirs, and Succeſſors, of One Penny per Foot in Front, and Sixpence per Acre, for each Acre of the Field annexed to ſuch Tenement; the ſaid Rents to commence at the Expiration of one Year from the Date of the Purchaſe, and the Purchaſer to be liable to the ſame Penalties, in Caſe of Failure of the Payment of the Purchaſe-Money, and the Ground-Rent and Quit-Rent, as We have already required in reſpect to the Purchaſe of Allotments for Plantations.

And We do further publiſh and declare, that the Reſervations, which We have directed to be made for Town and Paſture-Lots of uncleared Lands, ſhall be granted in Fee Simple by Our Governor in Chief, under the Seal of the Iſlands, to any Perſons, who will give ſuch Security as Our Commiſſioners ſhall approve, for building on ſuch Town-Lots within a reaſonable Time, to be fixed by Our ſaid Commiſſioners; and alſo for Incloſing, Fencing, and properly Clearing for Paſture, the Fields that ſhall be granted with ſuch Tenement.

And We do further publiſh and declare, that We have directed that no more than one Town-Lot be granted to any one Perſon, and that no more than Six Acres of Paſture-Land be annexed to ſuch Town-Lot, whatever Number of Feet in Front it ſhall conſiſt of.

That each Grantee ſhall be obliged, under proper Penalties, to the Payment of an Annual Ground-Rent to Us, Our Heirs, and Succeſſors, of One Penny per Foot in Front of the Town-Lot for a Tenement, and Sixpence per Acre for each Acre of the Paſture-Lot; the firſt Payment to be made within two Years from the Date of the Grant.

And in order the more effectually to conduce to the Peopling Our ſaid Iſlands with induſtrious White Inhabitants, upon which their Strength and Security do eſſentially depend; We have thought fit, with the Advice of Our ſaid Council, to direct a Quantity of Land, not exceeding Eight Hundred Acres, to be reſerved in ſuch Parts of every Pariſh in each Iſland reſpectively, as are not adapted for Sugar Plantations, for the Accommodation of poor Settlers, to be divided into Lots, of not leſs than Ten, nor more than Thirty Acres each: And We do hereby further publiſh and declare, that the ſaid Allotments are to be granted in Fee Simple, under the Seal of Our ſaid Iſlands, to ſuch poor Proteſtants as ſhall apply for the ſame, in Proportion to their reſpective Abilities to cultivate the ſaid Lands; and ſubject to the following Conditions; that is to ſay,

That each Grantee ſhall, at the Expiration of four Years from the Date of the Grant, pay a Quit-Rent to Us, Our Heirs, and Succeſſors, of Six-pence per Acre, for every Acre then cleared, and a Penalty of Two Shillings per Acre, for every Acre of Land uncleared; which ſaid Penalty of Two Shillings per Acre ſhall be reduced to Six-pence per Acre, as the Land ſhall be cleared; and in Caſe of Failure of ſuch Rent and Penalty, the Grantee ſhall be ſubject to the further Penalty of the Payment of Five Pounds for every Acre, for which ſuch Quit-Rent ſhall not be paid.

That each Grantee ſhall enter upon and occupy the Land within Three Months from the Date of the Grant; and ſhall continue to occupy and improve the ſame, for Twelve ſucceſſive Months, from the Time of ſuch firſt Settlement.

That the Lands ſhall, for the Space of Seven Years, be unalienable by Sale, nor ſhall the ſame be let, ſet or aſſigned over during the ſame Term, otherwiſe than to the Uſe and Benefit of any Child or Children of ſuch original Settler, without eſpecial Licence in Writing firſt had and obtained, from the Chief Governor or Commander in Chief of Our ſaid Iſlands for the Time being; and in Caſe of Failure or Default in either of the two laſt mentioned Conditions, the Grant to be void.

And We do hereby further publiſh and declare, that all Grants made of the ſaid Allotments for poor Settlers, as alſo all Grants made of Town and Paſture Lots of cleared and uncleared Lands, ſhall be abſolute and final.

That in all Grants to be made of Allotments for Plantations and Town and Paſture Lots, and of Lands for poor Settlers, there ſhall be a Reſervation to Us, Our Heirs, and Succeſſors, of all Mines of Gold and Silver.

And

And We do further publiſh and declare, that the firſt Sale of Lands ſhall be in the Month of June next, if the Surveys can be made ſo ſoon; due Notice of which, as alſo of the Place of Sale, will be given by Our Commiſſioners appointed as aforeſaid, for the Diſpoſal of the ſaid Lands.

Given at Our Court at *St. James's*, the Twenty-ſixth Day of *March*, One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſixty-four, in the Fourth Year of Our Reign.

GOD Save the KING.

St. James's, March 31.

INformation having been given, that ſeveral of His Majeſty's Subjects, in the underwritten Liſt particularly mentioned, have been for a conſiderable Time, and are now detained in France as Hoſtages for the Payment of Ranſom Bills, which have not yet been ſatisfied; Theſe are to give Notice, that in Caſe ſuch Ranſom-Bills are not forthwith diſcharged, Proſecutions will be commenced in His Majeſty's Court of Admiralty againſt all Maſters, Owners, and others, unjuſtly refuſing or neglecting to pay the Sums of Money ſtipulated for the Releaſe of thoſe unfortunate Perſons, who have ſuffered ſo long an Impriſonment.

Liſt of Hoſtages for Engliſh Ranſoms, detained in French Priſons.

Names of Hoſtages, and where detained.	*Names of Ships ranſomed, and when taken.*	*Ranſoms for Ships taken.*
Alexander Faulkener, at Dunkirk,	Margaret of Dundee, 3d April, 1759,	285 Guineas.
Robert Sutherland, at Dunkirk,	Friends Goodwill, 18th April, 1760,	350 Guineas.
Francis Kipps, at Breſt,	Hercules, about 3 Years ago,	Not ſpecified.
Francis Newton, at St. Maloes,	Hope, 7th Sept. 1760,	312 Guineas.
John Henry Carey, at Rochelle,	Dreadnought, 9th April, 1761,	3001. Sterling.
Henry Conſtant, at Bourdeaux,	Dove, 18th Jan. 1762,	30,000 Livres Tournois.
John Turner, at Bourdeaux,	The Deſire, 18th Sept. 1762,	250 Guineas.

St. James's, March 24, 1764.

THE Merchants, and others, who have delivered into the Office of the Earl of Halifax, One of His Majeſty's Principal Secretaries of State, a Deſignation of the Ships which they reſpectively purpoſe to ſend to the Iſlands reſtored to France in the Weſt Indies, to bring away their Effects from thence, to the End that Paſſports might be obtained from the Court of France for the ſaid Ships, purſuant to the 8th Article of the late Definitive Treaty, are hereby deſired to deliver into his Lordſhip's ſaid Office, the Name of the Port in that particular Iſland to which the ſaid Ships reſpectively are firſt intended to proceed.

Peterſbourg, March 6. Count Lubinſki, Miniſter from the Republick of Poland, has already had his Audience of Leave: The Empreſs has preſented him with the Order of St. Alexander Newſky.

Berlin, March 24. On Tueſday laſt the King of Pruſſia came here, and had a Levée, at which the Foreign Miniſters aſſiſted; early the next Morning, the King ſet out for Sileſia, accompanied by the Prince Royal and his Brother, and the two Young Princes of Brunſwick: His Majeſty is expected back by the 6th or 7th of next Month. Prince Henry, the King's Brother, ſtill continues at Rhinſberg. Major General Reidt, the Imperial Miniſter at this Court, ſet out on the 20th Inſtant, for the Baths at Toplitz, and intends to be back about the Time of the King's Return from Sileſia.

Ratiſbon, March 18. Yeſterday about One o'Clock the Emperor, accompanied by the Archdukes Joſeph and Leopold, with a numerous Retinue, paſſed cloſe to the Walls of this City. His Imperial Majeſty had lain the Night before at Straubing, where he was moſt magnificently entertained by the Elector of Bavaria, who waited on him there in Perſon. The Elector has cauſed ſeveral new Roads to be cut acroſs the Country, and ordered Detachments of Cavalry, new cloathed on Purpoſe, to parade at every Station.

Venice, March 16. The following is the Tranſlation of a circular Letter from the Health Office, to the Foreign Miniſters here.

The contagious Diſtemper at Spalato declines daily according to our laſt Accounts, nothing remarkable having paſſed in thoſe Parts, except the Attack of another Town in the Juriſdiction of Trau, where Six Perſons died of it in Ten Days. The whole of thoſe who died in Nine Days in the Four Suburbs of Spalato, were but Sixteen: And in Seven Days, in the Three Territories of Cliſſa, Sign, and Trau, Eighteen. This is our freſheſt Intelligence: We hope it will grow every Day more favourable, and ſhall not fail acquainting you with the News which we ſhall receive.

Hague, March 30. The Prince of Naſſau Weilbourg is gone to his Government of Bergen-op-zoom.

The Accounts from Berbices mention, that the rebellious Negroes had been driven from their Poſts before the Arrival of the regular Troops ſent from Europe; and that it was hoped the Colony would ſoon be reſettled as before the late Diſturbances. The Troops from hence were arrived at Surinam in perfect Health.

Whitehall, April 3.

The King has been pleaſed to appoint Philip Stanhope, Eſq; His Envoy Extraordinary to the Court of Dreſden. And alſo to appoint

William Gardon, Eſq; His Miniſter at the Diet of Ratiſbon.

St. James's, March 1.

This Day the Marquis de Paolucci, Envoy Extraordinary from the Duke of Modena, had an Audience of Leave of His Majeſty.

To which he was introduced by the Right Hon. the Earl of Halifax, one of His Majeſty's Principal Secretaries of State, and conducted by Sir Charles Cottrell Dormer, Knt. Maſter of the Ceremonies.

St. James's, April 1.

This Day the Marquis de Paolucci, Envoy Extraordinary from the Duke of Modena, had a private Audience of Leave of Her Majeſty.

To which he was introduced by the Right Honourable the Earl of Harcourt, Lord Chamberlain to Her Majeſty; and conducted by Sir Charles Cottrell Dormer, Knt. Maſter of the Ceremonies.

He had afterwards a Private Audience of her Royal Highneſs the Princeſs Dowager of Wales, at Leiceſter Houſe. To which they were introduced by Sir Charles Cottrell Dormer, Knt. Maſter of the Ceremonies.

Office of Ordnance, Tower of London,
March 30, 1764.

The Lieutenant-General and the Reſt of the Principal Officers of His Majeſty's Ordnance, give Notice to ſuch Perſons as are willing to contract for providing, tranſporting and delivering, free of all Riſque and Charges, Two Hundred Chaldron of Coals at Gibraltar, that they may ſend their Propoſals in Writing, and attend at the Office of Ordnance in Old Palace Yard, Weſtminſter, on Friday the 6th of April, at Twelve at Noon.

By Order of the Board.
John Bodding on.